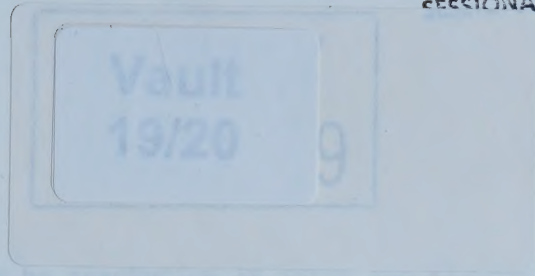


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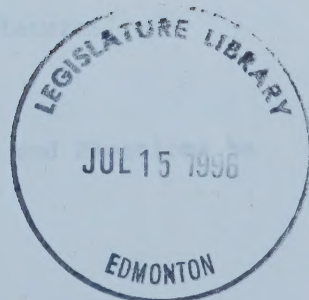
OF

COMMITTEE

ON

PRIVILEGES & ELECTIONS

November 14, 1972



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As recorded by resolution in Votes and Proceedings of the First Session of the 17th Alberta Legislature for March 17th, 1972, the following members of the Legislature were appointed to the Standing Committee of the Assembly on Privileges and Elections:

Hon. Mr. Dickie	Hon. Dr. Horner
Hon. Mr. Foster	Hon. Mr. Hyndman
Hon. Mr. Getty	Hon. Mr. Leitch
Hon. Dr. Hohol	

Messieurs: Appleby (Chairman)

Barton	King
Chambers	Koziak
Cookson	Lee
Drain	McCrimmon, Dr.
French	Miller, D.
Ghitter	Sorenson
Gruenwald	Speaker
Harle	Stromberg
Hinman	Trynchy
Ho-Lem	Wyse
	Young

Ex officio Members:

Mr. Amerongen (Speaker)
 Mr. MacDonald (Clerk)
 Mr. Graves (Asst. Clerk)
 Mr. Acorn (Legislative Counsel)

As recorded in Votes and Proceedings of the First Session of the 17th Alberta Legislature for the date of April 17th, 1972, the following resolution, moved by the Hon. Mr. Hyndman and seconded by the Hon. Dr. Backus was passed by the Legislature:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. The Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections be directed to:

1. Review the existing procedure for the introduction of Money Bills under Rule 49 of the Rules of the Assembly, having regard to sections 54 and 90 of the British North America Act, 1867, and section 50 of The Legislative Assembly Act.
2. Conduct a study into matters pertaining to the scope of the Speaker's authority in relation to the officers of the Assembly, the person employed in connection with the business and affairs of the Assembly, and the offices and other facilities provided for the administration of the business and affairs of the Assembly and its members.
3. Review the procedure for the giving of notice for the introduction of Bills and in particular Rule 36 of the Rules of the Assembly, and the Resolution of the Assembly regarding that procedure passed on February 6, 1970 and appearing at page 35 of the Journals of the Assembly for the 1970 Session.
4. Review the existing procedure providing for debate on the budget and consider procedural changes which might result in the consideration of Estimates being started prior to completion of the budget debate.
5. Review existing procedures and assess the desirability of rule changes which would:
 - (a) enable Estimates to be considered by Standing or Select Committees, and
 - (b) enable Bills to be considered by subcommittees of the Committee of the Whole Assembly.
6. Consider whether the Speaker should be given notice of:
 - (a) questions of privilege which Members intend to raise,
 - (b) motions to adjourn House on a matter of urgent public importance.

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7. Assess whether changes in the Rules are or may be necessary in relation to the holding of Fall Sittings of the Legislature.
8. Consider whether votes in Committee of the Whole Assembly should be recorded.
9. Assess the adequacy of existing Rules regarding "Introduction of Visitors".
10. Review the "Hansard" operation to date.

B. In considering, reviewing and studying the matter referred to in paragraph 'A', the Committee shall determine whether there is a need to revoke, rewrite or amend any of the Rules of the Assembly relevant to those matters and shall make its report and recommendations to the Assembly on the said matters, and, where any recommendation involves an amendment to the Rules of the Assembly, the Committee's proposed amendment in draft form shall be included in the report.

C. For purposes of this Resolution, the Speaker, the Clerk or Clerk Assistant and Law Clerk shall have the right to attend at and participate in meetings of the Committee but shall not be entitled to vote.

A debate followed.

Moved by Mr. Notley: Seconded by Mr. Gruenwald:

That the motion be amended by adding:

"11. Review M.L.A. transportation arrangements" and paragraph B as to the seventh line by adding the words "or amendments to The Legislative Assembly Act" after the words "Rules of the Assembly".

The debate continued.

The amendment being proposed, Mr. Speaker declared the amendment carried.

The motion as amended being proposed, Mr. Speaker declared the motion as amended carried.

Having been given these directions, the Committee on Privileges and Elections proceeded to consider the items included in the resolution. This was done during the course of five meetings held by the Committee on the following dates:

April 26, 1972
May 3, 1972
May 17, 1972
October 27, 1972
November 3, 1972

All meetings were held in the Legislative Assembly Chambers.

Each resolution was considered in its entirety and recommendations have been made with respect to each resolution. Some of these recommendations require changes in the Rules, Orders and Forms of Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. Wherever such changes are recommended, the Committee approved amendments as drafted by the Legislative Counsel - Mr. Glen Acorn, and these are included in the report.

The order of this report is as follows:

SECTION A - GENERAL

1. The items included in the resolution are listed in order.
2. A summary of the discussion and findings are indicated following each resolution.

3. Recommended action on the item is stated, and where necessary amendments to the Rules, Orders and Forms of Proceedings of the Legislature of Alberta are given as drafted by Legislative Counsel.

SECTION B

This section includes the Speaker's report on the operation of Hansard.

SECTION C

A summary of recommendations made by the Committee.

SECTION D

- (a) Amendments to Rules, Orders and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly are listed as drafted by the Legislative Counsel.
- (b) Sessional Order respecting 1973 Rule Changes.

SECTION "A"

(General)

A. Item 1.

"Review the existing procedure for the introduction of Money Bills under Rule 49 of the Rules of the Assembly, having regard to sections 54 and 90 of the British North America Act, 1867, and section 50 of The Legislative Assembly Act."

In consideration of this item, the unanimous opinion of the Committee members was that the resolution stage of introducing Money Bills should be eliminated and Legislative Counsel was requested to draft a suitable amendment. The following amendment was drafted.

49. (1) The Assembly shall not adopt or pass any vote, resolution, address or Bill for the appropriation

(a) of any part of the public revenue, or

(b) of any tax or impost,

to any purpose that has not been first recommended to the Assembly by Message of the Lieutenant Governor in the Session in which such vote, resolution, address or Bill is proposed.

(2) A vote, resolution, address or Bill to which sub-rule (1) applies shall be introduced in the same manner as any other vote, resolution, address or Bill except that

- (a) the recommendation of the Lieutenant Governor shall be attached to the copy to be introduced by the member, and
- (b) the member proposing to introduce it shall, at the time he begs leave of the Assembly to introduce it, inform the Assembly of the Lieutenant Governor's message of recommendation.

A. Item 2.

"Conduct a study into matters pertaining to the scope of the Speaker's authority in relation to the officers of the Assembly, the person employed in connection with the business and affairs of the Assembly, and the offices and other facilities provided for the administration of the business and affairs of the Assembly and its members."

Mr. G. Amerongen, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, outlined the responsibility of the Speaker under three headings.

- (a) Hansard
- (b) Library
- (c) Service to members - with incidental matters relating thereto.

(a) Hansard

The Speaker tabled a report on the Hansard operation. Copies were supplied to all Committee members. The report was accepted by the Committee and becomes part of this report under Section B.

(b) The matter of the Library Services was discussed and some Committee members expressed the view that improvements in the service could be implemented. With respect to these opinions, the Speaker outlined steps that were being presently taken to improve the library service. These were:

1. The position of a Library Research Assistant is presently being advertised.
2. A system of recording research requests is being implemented in order to assess areas where further research facilities are required.
3. In order not to have considerable expensive duplication of information already held in other libraries throughout the province, the use of telex links with such libraries is being looked at.

The question of providing individual copies of Beauchesne for all M.L.A.s was raised.

The Speaker informed the Committee that a 5th Edition of Beauchesne is in the editorial stage and he suggested it might be expedient to await the publication of the new addition before purchasing copies is considered.

(c) The Speaker also suggested to the Committee that they might like to consider recommending a scroll be given to each member of the Legislative Assembly recognizing legislative service to the province of Alberta.

The Committee decided to recommend to the Legislature that the Bureau of Public Affairs be requested to investigate the possibility of providing scrolls recognizing legislative service to the province of Alberta and in addition providing personalized stationery and calling cards for members.

The question of some of the recent security changes within the Legislative Building was raised within the Committee. The Committee agreed that while they did not wish to minimize security with regard to the Legislative Building, they would like to recommend to the Legislature that consideration be given to the convenience for M.L.A.s and other personnel if East and West doors on Floor One could be re-opened.

A. Item 3.

"Review the procedure for the giving of notice for the introduction of Bills and in particular Rule 36 of the Rules of the Assembly, and the Resolution of the Assembly regarding that procedure passed on February 6, 1970 and appearing at page 35 of the Journals of the Assembly for the 1970 Session."

Members of the Committee felt that Rule 36 appears to be working satisfactorily during the present session. However, it was

agreed that Rule 36 should be redrafted to incorporate the amendment passed on February 6, 1970 and appearing on page 35 of the 1970 Journals of the Assembly.

The Committee authorized the Legislative Counsel to redraft Rule 36 in order to incorporate the changes as per the 1970 Journals of the Assembly and also to decide whether some clarification of Rule 38 is required.

Accordingly, Legislative Counsel drafted the following revision of Rule 36:

36. (1) One clear day's notice shall be given
- (a) of a motion for leave to present a resolution or address, or
 - (b) for the appointment of any committee, or
 - (c) for placing a question on the Order Paper, or
 - (d) of the introduction of a Bill.
- (2) A notice under this Rule shall be laid on the Table before 5:30 p.m. and shall be printed in the Votes and Proceedings of that day.
- (3) This Rule does not apply to motions respecting times of meeting of the Assembly or to motions for adjournment of the Assembly.

In order to further clarify the amendment in the 1970 Journals page 35, the following rule is added after Rule 56:

56a. (1) A public Bill to be introduced by a member other than a Minister of the Crown shall first be submitted for perusal by Mr. Speaker and the Clerk of the Assembly before notice of the Bill is placed on the Votes and Proceedings.

(2) Mr. Speaker shall decide

(a) whether the Bill, if enacted, would infringe the prerogative of the Crown, or

(b) whether the Bill is of a local nature requiring it to be dealt with as a private Bill.

(3) Mr. Speaker shall rule out of order any Bill falling in either category described in subrule (2) at the time leave is asked to introduce the Bill or at any time after the Bill has been given first reading but before the Bill is given second reading.

A. Item 4

"Review the existing procedure providing for debate on the budget and consider procedural changes which might result in the consideration of Estimates being started prior to completion of the budget debate."

The Committee dealt with this resolution by passing the following motion:

"That consideration of the Budget address be on the motion that the address be approved by the House and that this be separated entirely from consideration of the estimates."

Legislative Counsel was of the opinion that action on this motion should be recommended to the Assembly and that approval of the motion by the Assembly would be sufficient without any amendment to Rules and Proceedings.

A. Item 5.

"Review existing procedures and assess the desirability of rule changes which would:

- (a) enable Estimates to be considered by Standing or Select Committees, and
- (b) enable Bills to be considered by subcommittees of the Committee of the Whole Assembly."

The Committee felt that some changes are desirable in respect to both (a) and (b) above. As a result of the Committee's deliberations, the following amendments were drafted and approved:

2. Rule 46 of the Rules of the Assembly is suspended and shall be deemed to be replaced by the following Rule:

46. (1) The Committee of Supply shall be a Select Standing Committee and shall be appointed pursuant to Rule 50 as though it were a committee enumerated in that Rule.

(2) The Committee may establish subcommittees consisting of members of the Assembly and, with respect to each subcommittee so established, shall designate its name and appoints its members.

(3) One third of the members of a subcommittee appointed under this Rule constitutes a quorum at any meeting of that subcommittee.

(4) Upon the submission of the Estimates to the Assembly and their referral to the Committee of Supply, the Committee of Supply may refer any portion thereof to one of its subcommittees for that subcommittee's report and recommendations thereon.

(5) At any meeting of a subcommittee established under this Rule, a member of the Assembly who is not a member of that subcommittee is entitled to attend at and participate in the meeting but is not entitled to vote on any matter before that meeting.

(6) Upon receiving the reports and recommendations of all subcommittees to which portions of the Estimates were referred, the Committee of Supply shall submit its own report on the Estimates to the Assembly, and upon the tabling of the report, the Chairman of the Committee shall present a motion that the Assembly receive and concur in the report.

4. Rule 62 of the Rules of the Assembly is suspended and shall be deemed to be replaced by the following:

62. (1) In proceedings in the Committee of the Whole Assembly for the consideration of a Bill, the title and preamble are the last matters to be considered with respect to the Bill.

(2) The Chairman shall, before a Bill is considered in the Committee of the Whole Assembly, ask whether any comments, questions or amendments are to be offered with respect to the Bill.

(3) Where the Chairman is satisfied that none of the members propose to offer any comments, questions or amendments with respect to the Bill, he shall proceed to call for consideration of the Bill's title and preamble.

(4) Where the Chairman receives an indication that comments, questions or amendments will be offered with respect to the Bill, the Committee shall proceed with the consideration of the Bill in such manner as the Chairman considers appropriate in the circumstances.

A. Item 6.

"Consider whether the Speaker should be given notice of:

- (a) questions or privilege which Members intend to raise,
- (b) motions to adjourn House on a matter of urgent public importance."

Mr. Speaker suggested that during debate no member could be expected to give previous notice. However, on any other question, if the Speaker had 2 hours' notice as is the practice in Ottawa, this would be time-saving.

The Committee agreed that this could be useful and that we shall recommend to the House that we attempt to operate in a similar manner to the House of Commons in Ottawa by giving 2 hours' notice to the Speaker on motions of privilege that are to be raised at 2:30 p.m., and on motions to adjourn the House on matters of public importance.

Also, to clarify Rule 23 the Committee requested Legislative Counsel to amend Rule 23, subrule (3) to read as follows:

1. Rule 23, subrule (3) is amended by striking out the words "if more than fifteen members rise" and by substituting the words "if fifteen or more members rise".

A. Item 7.

"Assess whether changes in the Rules are or may be necessary in relation to the holding of Fall Sitzings of the Legislature."

The Committee felt with the Fall Sitting underway and no serious difficulties being experienced, no recommendations were necessary in this respect. This recommendation was taking into consideration the changes being recommended in this respect. The Speaker concurred with this finding.

A. Item 8.

"Consider whether votes in Committee of the Whole Assembly should be recorded."

The Committee did not feel that any change in present procedures was necessary in this respect.

A. Item 9.

"Assess the adequacy of existing Rules regarding "Introduction of Visitors"."

During the second and third meetings of this Committee, this item was debated at length. Three motions were presented to bring changes in the manner of introducing visitors.

All of these motions were defeated.

At the final meeting, the Committee agreed that no recommendation should be made to change this rule.

A. Item 10.

"Review the "Hansard" operation to date."

This item is covered in Summary "B".

A. Item 11.

Amendment by Mr. Notley:

"11. Review M.L.A. transportation arrangements" and paragraph B as to the seventh line by adding the words "or amendments to The Legislative Assembly Act" after the words "Rules of the Assembly"."

After debate, the amendment carried.

The Committee's investigations indicated that there is marginal use of bus and railroad passes and that for some members air travel is the most convenient method of travel. The possibility of air passes being made available similar to bus and railroad passes was investigated.

Information indicated that the Air Travel Board is not prepared to offer free passes. A legislative appropriation might be considered by the Alberta Legislature to pay for air travel (provincial basis or just air bus) for M.L.A.s. However, this cost could run into a very considerable amount.

The Committee agreed that this item should be tabled for the present time.

SECTION "B"

(Speaker's Report on Hansard)

SECTION "B"

H A N S A R D R E V I E W

HANSARD - SPRING (TRIAL) EXERCISE

1. Cost estimates failed to anticipate related features of expenditure such as
 - (1) the need to pay rental on I.B.M. data terminals throughout the year in order to reserve their use for periods of Assembly in Session
 - (2) the need to conduct additional research and experiment during the course of the first production series
 - (3) printing double the number of copies than was originally estimated as a requirement
 - (4) retention of staff beyond Session period to complete the Spring Hansard series and plan administrative and technical modifications
2. Staff training on the job, particularly at the editorial level, delayed production of printer's copy.
3. Xerox copy proofing by Members of the Assembly delayed production of final copy and further compounded editorial style problems.
4. Adequate terminal linkage with data computer was not continuously available until midway in the Session. This was subsequently rectified following direct appeal to the Data Centre.

5. Some sound system deficiencies contributed to delay in transcribing from tape to computer.
6. Responsibilities of Editor in Chief were too manifold and included organizational details that distracted him from the principle job of producing printers copy.
7. Indexing, a job that might have been handled as copy was produced, was set aside to provide priority to copy production which was well behind the hoped-for daily rate. It is now about completed and will be published separately.
8. Binding of separate volumes containing about fifteen (15) issues is currently underway.
9. Type-face of printed copy is not deemed satisfactory and any change requires application of photo-electric type-setting. This procedure is not currently readily available at reasonable cost and a continuous review of the availability of such equipment is being maintained.
10. Revenue from the sale of copies of Hansard has amounted to \$6,824.28 during the period from March 2 to September 30, 1972. It has currently levelled off as approximately \$7,000. per year.

11. In retrospect it is readily apparent that the eagerness of the Assembly to get its Hansard underway could not be matched with new and untested techniques. The massive task of recruiting and organizing a suitable staff establishment, designing its techniques and co-ordinating its various functions could not be accomplished in the short space of lead time provided to its designers.

HANSARD (CURRENT SITUATION)

1. A revised calculation of the gross cost of producing, printing and distributing a Hansard was obtained. It indicates an overall yearly cost amounting to \$123,000. to cover sessional time of about four months and equipment stand-by rental for the eight month balance. (See Summary of calculations appended.) It is felt that the above estimate can be appreciably reduced through experience and hoped-for innovations in printing methods.
2. An editorial style for Hansard has been developed to provide uniformity in reporting and, most important, to reduce time consuming discussions between editors which accompanied ad hoc style selection.
3. Staffing for Hansard is organized on a two-team basis, one for afternoons and another for evenings. Each team consists of seven transcription typists, three proofing editors and one senior editor, all under the supervision of Editor in Chief, J. P. Swann, who in turn reports to the Clerk and the Speaker.
4. Computer print-out is provided to Members of the Assembly continuously by means of two notice boards placed in the Members' lobby at the rear of the House. Members are invited to study the print-out copy during Assembly hours and bring any serious errors or omissions to the Hansard Editor at once.

5. Transcription typists and a senior editor continuously observe the House during debate to note and clarify difficult or complex exchanges on the floor, for their subsequent enlightenment in transcription and editing. A corner of the Speaker's Gallery has been assigned to them.
6. The sound system deficiencies have been dealt with under an agreement with Alberta Government Telephones and most of the earlier annoyances seem to have been remedied.
7. Printing contract has been awarded to University Press following a study of submissions by several printing establishments including the Queen's Printer.
8. Recruitment of qualified staff on a regular Sessional basis remains an unsolved problem. Transcription typists, in particular, work under considerable pressure and some otherwise competent typists find the strain intolerable. The only real solution to retention of a fully qualified staff appears to be some system within the Public Service by which selected personnel who might be otherwise occupied between Sessions, can be seconded to the Legislative Assembly during its operation, presumably about four months out of a year.

HANSARD COSTS PER MONTH
AND
SUMMARY ESTIMATE FOR 1973-74

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1. During Sitzings (4 months)

(a) (i) Computer method; machine
rental, interface, data
overhead, phone lines
and data sets \$4,248.00

(ii) MIST method; machine
rental, cassettes, and
composers 4,656.00

Approximate average cost \$ 4,450.00

(b) Printing, collating, and binding
(Queen's Printer) 8,700.00

(c) Mailing 1,250.00

(d) Staffing 11,000.00

Per Month \$25,400.00

2. During Standby (8 months)

(a) Machine rental \$ 2,450.00

(b) Staffing (1 month @ \$3,000.00) 250.00

Per Month \$ 2,700.00

ESTIMATED TOTAL BUDGET 1973-74

\$25,400.00 X 4 months \$101,600.00

\$ 2,700.00 X 8 months 21,600.00

TOTAL \$123,200.00

SECTION "C"

(Recommendations)

SECTION "C"SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommends to the Legislative Assembly
that

- (a) the Bureau of Public Affairs be requested to investigate the possibility of providing scrolls recognizing legislative service to the province of Alberta, and in addition providing personalized stationery and calling cards for members of the Assembly,
- (b) the Legislative Assembly give consideration to having the East and West Doors on Floor One re-opened for the convenience of M.L.A.s and other personnel,
- (c) the Legislative Assembly attempt to operate in a similar manner to the House of Commons in Ottawa by giving 2 hours' notice to the Speaker on motions of privilege to be raised at 2:30 p.m. and on motions to adjourn the House on matters of Public Importance.

(d) consideration of the Budget address be on the motion that the address be approved by the House and that this be separated entirely from consideration of the estimates,

(e) amendments to Rules, Orders and Proceedings of the Alberta Legislative Assembly as shown in Section "D" be adopted by this Assembly, and

(f) the Sessional Order re 1973 Rule Changes as shown in Section "D" be adopted by this Assembly.

Recommended Amendments
to
Rules, Orders & Proceedings
of the
Legislative Assembly

SECTION "D"

(a) PROPOSED MOTION TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE ASSEMBLY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rules, Orders and Forms of Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be amended as follows:

1. Rule 23, subrule (3) is amended by striking out the words "if more than fifteen members rise" and by substituting the words "if fifteen or more members rise".

2. Rule 36 is struck out and the following is substituted therefor:

36. (1) One clear day's notice shall be given

(a) of a motion for leave to present a resolution
or address, or

(b) for the appointment of any committee, or

(c) for placing a question on the Order Paper, or

(d) of the introduction of a Bill.

(2) A notice under this Rule shall be laid on the Table before 5:30 p.m. and shall be printed in the Votes and Proceedings of that day.

- (3) This Rule does not apply to motions respecting times of meeting of the Assembly or to motions for adjournment of the Assembly.

3. The following Rule is added after Rule 56:

56a. (1) A public Bill to be introduced by a member other than a Minister of the Crown shall first be submitted for perusal by Mr. Speaker and the Clerk of the Assembly before notice of the Bill is placed on the Votes and Proceedings.

(2) Mr. Speaker shall decide

(a) whether the Bill, if enacted, would infringe the prerogative of the Crown, or

(b) whether the Bill is of a local nature requiring it to be dealt with as a private Bill.

(3) Mr. Speaker shall rule out of order any Bill falling in either category described in subrule (2) at the time leave is asked to introduce the Bill or at any time after the Bill has been given first reading but before the Bill is given second reading.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Resolution pertaining to Rule 36 and public Bills passed by the Assembly on February 6, 1970, and appearing at page 35 of the Journals of the Assembly for the 1970 Session, be revoked.

SESSIONAL ORDER
RESPECTING
1973 RULE CHANGES

(b) SESSIONAL ORDER RESPECTING 1973 RULE CHANGES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assembly order as follows:

1. This Order applies only to the Second Session of the 17th Legislature.

2. Rule 46 of the Rules of the Assembly is suspended and shall be deemed to be replaced by the following Rule:

46. (1) The Committee of Supply shall be a Select Standing Committee and shall be appointed pursuant to Rule 50 as though it were a committee enumerated in that Rule.

(2) The Committee may establish subcommittees consisting of members of the Assembly and, with respect to each subcommittee so established, shall designate its name and appoint its members.

(3) One third of the members of a subcommittee appointed under this Rule constitutes a quorum at any meeting of that subcommittee.

(4) Upon the submission of the Estimates to the Assembly and their referral to the Committee of Supply, the Committee of Supply may refer any portion thereof to one of its subcommittees for that subcommittee's report and recommendations thereon.

(5) At any meeting of a subcommittee established under this Rule, a member of the Assembly who is not a member of that subcommittee is entitled to attend at and participate in the meeting but is not entitled to vote on any matter before that meeting.

(6) Upon receiving the reports and recommendations of all subcommittees to which portions of the Estimates were referred, the Committee of Supply shall submit its own report on the Estimates to the Assembly, and upon the tabling of the report, the Chairman of the Committee shall present a motion that the Assembly receive and concur in the report.

3. Rule 49 of the Rules of the Assembly is suspended and shall be deemed to be replaced by the following Rule:

49. (1) The Assembly shall not adopt or pass any vote, resolution, address or Bill for the appropriation

(a) of any part of the public revenue, or

(b) of any tax or impost,

to any purpose that has not been first recommended to the Assembly by Message of the Lieutenant Governor in the Session in which such vote, resolution, address or Bill is proposed.

(2) A vote, resolution, address or Bill to which subrule (1) applies shall be introduced in the same manner as any other vote, resolution, address or Bill except that

(a) the recommendation of the Lieutenant Governor shall be attached to the copy to be introduced by the member, and

(b) the member proposing to introduce it shall, at the time he begs leave of the Assembly to introduce it, inform the Assembly of the Lieutenant Governor's message of recommendation.

4. Rule 62 of the Rules of the Assembly is suspended and shall be deemed to be replaced by the following:

62. (1) In proceedings in the Committee of the Whole Assembly for the consideration of a Bill, the title and preamble are the last matters to be considered with respect to the Bill.

(2) The Chairman shall, before a Bill is considered in the Committee of the Whole Assembly, ask whether any comments, questions or amendments are to be offered with respect to the Bill.

(3) Where the Chairman is satisfied that none of the members propose to offer any comments, questions or amendments with respect to the Bill, he shall proceed to call for consideration of the Bill's title and preamble.

(4) Where the Chairman receives an indication that comments, questions or amendments will be offered with respect to the Bill, the Committee shall proceed with the consideration of the Bill in such manner as the Chairman considers appropriate in the circumstances.

Signed on behalf of the
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES
AND ELECTIONS

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank Appleby", is written over a horizontal line.

Frank Appleby, Chairman

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